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Harriman Off Today to Meet Europe Chiefs

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President Kennedy has assigned Averell Harriman, his ambassador at large, to visit four leaders in Europe "to convey his personal greetings and discuss matters of broad mutual interest."

The White House announced yesterday that Harriman will take off today for London.

He intends to call on British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French President Charles de Gaulle, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani.

The White House said that Harriman also would meet with permanent representatives of the North Atlantic Council while he is in Paris.

Purpose Explained

In announcing last December in Palm Beach that he was creating the post of ambassador at large, Mr. Kennedy gave this explanation of why he wanted such a roving envoy:

"He would be available for any purpose which the President or the Secretary of State might have, where a personal exchange would be useful but where the President or the Secretary of State might not be able to make the trip or where the persons involved on the other side might not be able to make the trip here."

"There are occasions when a more personal contact than that permitted by the regular ambassadorial staff on both sides is desirable."

The State Department said it believed that they talked about a substantial increase in the defense budget proposed by the Eisenhower Administration.

Leaving the White House, Russell declined to say whether President Kennedy would increase the amount of the defense budget. But he said that he had seen reporters where

crease military strength without an increase in spending."

The Chief Executive has promised to strengthen the armed forces, and has told the Pentagon to step up the airlift, missile and Polaris submarine programs.

President Kennedy yesterday announced his intention to appoint Leland J. Haworth as a \$22,000-a-year member of the Atomic Energy Commission. The appointment would bring the commission to full strength.

Haworth, presently director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, was born July 11, 1904, in Flint, Mich. He holds AB and AM degrees from Indiana University and a Ph. D. (1931) from the University of Wisconsin.

The President also announced his intention to appoint J. Graham Parsons, now assistant secretary of state for far Eastern affairs, as Ambassador to Sweden. He would succeed James Bonbright.

Parsons, a Yale man who did graduate work at New York University, began his diplomatic career in 1932 as private secretary to Joseph C. Brew, then Ambassador to Japan. He has since served in many diplomatic posts.

After consulting with U. N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, the President announced that he would appoint Gladys Avery Tillett of North Carolina as United States representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, a post that pays \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Kennedy expressed gratitude for his "public service" with the State Department since 1947.

The Chief Executive was seen from the White House after several hours yesterday, leaving at 3 p. m. Press Secretary Pierre Salinger declined to tell reporters where